



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH

- WHEREAS: Peanuts and peanut products are recognized around the world as highly appetizing and nutritious foods that provide protein and other nutrients as part of a well-balanced diet; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia ranks first in the nation in peanut production, producing nearly 50 percent of the country's total peanut crop in 2017; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia also leads the country in peanut exports, significantly contributing to the overall growth and success of our nation's economy; and
- WHEREAS: Peanut production is the second-largest single cash row crop in Georgia, with gross farm receipts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and
- WHEREAS: Hundreds of Georgia companies engaged in warehousing, processing, manufacturing, and marketing depend upon the peanut industry, and many more Georgia businesses engaged in finance, supply chain management, distribution, and transport are impacted by the success of the peanut industry to some extent; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia peanut industry plays a significant role in the economic growth and prosperity of our state, generating an estimated \$2 billion in economic impact and supporting the employment of more than 150,000 of our citizens; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as GEORGIA PEANUT MONTH and encourage our citizens to try raw, roasted, boiled, and chocolate-dipped Georgia peanuts.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris M. Riley*  
CHIEF OF STAFF